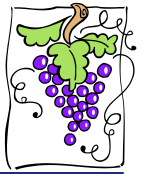


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The Georgia Rehabilitation Association Newsletter

Summer Edition, May 2018



Greetings to all fellow GRA Members!

The NRA Legislative Summit was a huge success!! Georgia was very well represented with GRA members Tom Wilson, Cheryl Ussery, Paige Tidwell, Dana Skelton-Sanders, Cheryl Braswell, and two (2) "Tom Wilson Takes you to Washington" Scholarship winners, Nicky Lamb and Keita Alston.

The GRA Conference will be here before you know it. Please check on your membership to be sure you are a current member. Jeff Allen, VP and his committee have been working very hard to bring you an educational conference. Also, please remember to nominate a deserving co-worker, client or employer for the awards. You will find all the information you need in the newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the conference, email Jeff at Jeff.Allen@gvs.ga.gov.

Cheryl Braswell
2018 GRA President

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Winners of the 2018 Tom Wilson Takes You to Washington Scholarships Nicky Lamb (left) and Keita Alston (right) attended the NRA 2018 Government Affairs Disability Employment Summit Mar. 25-27 in Alexandria, VA.

Division Reports

GAMRC: Georgia Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns

GAMRC is pleased to announce the 2018 NAMRC Conference to be held in Las Vegas Nevada at the W Las Vegas on July 11-14 . This year's conference theme is The Silver Jubilee: Shaping Innovation in Multicultural Rehabilitation.

Details are available on the NAMRC website at www.namrc.org.

GARL: Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership

Please submit a nomination for the Leadership Award and Continuing Education Grant (please review the GRA Newsletter and Website for more details).

Also, we will once again hold our Auction at the GRA Training Conference in Savannah but this year hold the event during breaks in the Opening Session.

GRCEA: Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association

Members plan on meeting in February to talk about this year's plans for the conference and also talk about the pre-conference ethics training. We will be discussing plan on the speaker for the training. It will be held on Aug. 7 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront.

Members will also talk about purchasing boxed lunches for the New Member Welcome at the conference.

GRCEA will be participating in donating door prizes for the pre-conference and the conference. We will also be talking about doing a fundraiser at the conference.

Chapter Reports

EAST—Carmella Jennings

East Chapters Annual Campaign of Caring

East Chapter Special Projects Committee Members 2017 Wounded Warriors Card Writing Campaign was a huge success again this year. East Chapter members collected letters and drawings for Wounded Warriors from Mossy Creek Elementary School and High School Job Club Students in Richmond County. Over 300 letters and drawings were collected and taken to the Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home. Wounded Warriors received the items on their dinner trays on Christmas Day.

The Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home Activities Director wrote a thank you letter, ***“The veterans received the cards and letters on their dinner trays and were absolutely excited about young people thinking of them. The cards and letters were creative and speak volumes about the thoughtfulness of students at your school.”***

East Chapters Secret Santa Project

In December 2017, East Chapter Members held their annual Secret Santa Project. Four admirable High School Job Club students were awarded \$50.00 VISA gift cards for the Christmas holiday. Teachers from 12 high schools submitted a recommendation letter explaining why their student should be the recipient of the gift card based on either financial need, academic progress, most improved student, or any student they felt was worthy of a special surprise at Christmas time.

East Chapter Members Submit Grant Application

On December 14, 2017 East Chapter members submitted a grant application for the 2017 the Augusta Exchange Club Charity Fund. The grant was written by Carmella Jennings, East Chapter President. If awarded the grant it will be used to support the High School Job Club mission of preparing transitioning students for competitive employment in the community after graduation. Funding will help cover the expenses for students participating in the High School Job Club events and activities in Richmond, Burke, McDuffie and Jefferson counties.

East Chapter Members Secure DEI Funding

The Local East Chapter has also partnered with Disability Employment Initiatives (DEI)/Georgia Department of Economic Development Workforce Division for the High School Job and Resource Fair again this year. The East Chapter will receive additional funding from DEI to help make the 5th Annual High School Job Fair a great success again this year. There will be employers on site to discuss job opportunities and interview students for vacant employment positions.

East Chapter Members Judge EAGLE Competition

Local East Chapter member Carmella Jennings was selected as a judge for the 2018 Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) for Augusta Technical College. EAGLE is the first statewide program in the nation that recognizes and rewards excellence among students enrolled in adult education programs. This student recognition program is designed to create greater awareness of educational opportunities that are available in local communities across the state and to foster greater involvement in lifelong learning pursuits. Maritza Orellano was the winner. Ms. Orellano will represent Augusta Technical College at the EAGLE Leadership Institute on March 12-14, 2018. The Leadership Institute recognizes and honors those students who have demonstrated superior achievement in adult education classes and programs.

ENHANCING LITERACY CENTERS

Local East Chapter members assisted Mossy Creek Elementary School with needed supplies for their Hot Dot project. With the addition of the Hot Dot Pens and activities students are more excited to practice skills that have been previously taught in class. Hot Dots are used when students are in their Literacy Centers. The students rotate during a 30 minute period, so every student has the opportunity to use the Hot Dot activities.

Mossy Creek Teacher wrote in a thank you letter, ***“I just want to start by saying how thankful I am to the GRA East Chapter members for contributing to my Hot Dot project! My students were so excited when I explained to them that such giving and kind people donated to our classroom, so we could have fun exciting activities to use in our room. The Hot Dot activities are a greater addition to our classroom than I originally thought they would be.”***

Chapter Reports

RWS—Cheryl Leidy

The Roosevelt Warm Springs Chapter has a great time at the Annual Easter Eggs-travaganza! Over 1000 candy-filled eggs were hidden in the quadrangle for the special education classes from Mountain View Elementary School. The Easter Bunny made his visit and bunny-hopped the approximately 45 children from GA Hall out to the quadrangle. Hours of egg-stuffing and egg-hiding culminated in 10 minutes of hunting. The group then had lunch at the CTR since the weather did not permit them to remain outside for lunch. The children had a great time and left with their buckets full.

NORTHEAST—Keita Alston

The Northeast GRA Chapter is planning our first Provider Fair to invite local providers to talk about their services. Looking to have this event in April or May. Also provided 10 gallons of toiletries to a domestic violence shelter in the local area. We also helped a woman who was evicted from her extended stay home with some community resources in Forsyth Co.

We'll be planning a chapter meeting this month to discuss a fundraiser for the upcoming conference.

WEST—Jason Williams

We plan to support the GRA Training Conference once again through the purchase of an advertisement and donation of door prizes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



House Bill 831, Georgia's Employment First Act, was introduced in the Georgia House this week. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that Georgians with disabilities are given employment as the first option in the provision of publicly funded services provided to them by the state. This legislation also creates a Council of state, provider, and community organizations to begin strategically moving Georgia toward that goal.

Some individuals in our community have expressed concern regarding the first line of the Bill which states, "A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transfer of Division of Rehabilitation Services to the Department of Labor, so as to establish the Employment First Georgia Council". We wanted to take a moment to clarify that this does not have ANYTHING to do with GVRA being transferred back under the Department of Labor. This line is actually a standard part of any bill placed before that legislature that states both the chapter, section, and title of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (the collection of all Georgia Laws) that the proposed bill would change. In this collection of Georgia law, Chapter 9, Title 49, contains all of the legal code that established GVRA and its board back in 2012. However, for various legal reasons even when a title for a code section is no longer relevant the title is not regularly changed to reflect what is contained in the code section. There are many reasons this is so but to put it simply, it would make it difficult for all legal entities to function if you constantly changed the references for chapters Georgia law.

Thus, the first time vocational rehabilitation actually appeared in Georgia law was when it was first transferred to the Department of Labor. As a result, all following legislation involving what we now know as GVRA is included in this code section titled "TRANSFER OF DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES TO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR" which is where the above language comes from. Thus, this bill is merely referencing GVRA's code section as the area it's language would be added in the body of Georgia law, not moving GVRA back under the Department of Labor.

GRA Committee News

Awards & Scholarships Committee

Awards/Scholarship Committee welcomes any ideas, thoughts, suggestions, or constructive criticism to improve the Awards Ceremony this year in Savannah. Please begin thinking now about a deserving rehabilitation professional to nominate. List of awards and scholarships are below. Click on the link to complete the form.

Lauri Tuten
Awards & Scholarships Chair

Name of Award/Scholarship	Deadline Date
Association of Rehabilitation Technicians and Specialists of Georgia (ARTS) Boss of the Year Award	July 2, 2018
Association of Rehabilitation Technicians and Specialists of Georgia (ARTS) Service Award	July 2, 2018
Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (GRCEA) Awards	July 2, 2018
Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (GARL) Award	July 2, 2018
Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (GARL) Continuing Education Grant	July 2, 2018
Isaac Max Heller Employer of Year Award	July 2, 2018
Nancy Crowder Memorial Scholarship	July 2, 2018
Professional Achievement Award	July 2, 2018
Service Award	July 2, 2018

Education & Advocacy Committee

GRA was well represented at Government Affairs Disability Employment Summit in Alexandria/Washington D.C. March 25, 26, and 27, 2018. Seven GRA members were in attendance: Tom Wilson, GVRA Board Member, Paige Tidwell, VEWA representative to NRA Board, Cheryl Braswell, President GRA, Dana Skelton-Sanders, President-Elect GRA, Cheryl M. Ussery, GRA Board Member, and the two "Tom Wilson Takes You To Washington" scholarship recipients, Nicky Lamb, Secretary of GRA, and Keita Alston, Vice President-Elect GRA.

The Summit had several outstanding speakers and was very educational. The issue statements were well researched and presented. Nicky Lamb and Keita Alston did a superb job of advocating for people with disabilities on the hill.

Janie Fuller & Cheryl Meadows Ussery
Co-Chairs E & A

Membership Committee

GRA: Membership Matters!

The Membership Committee Theme for 2018 is once again “Membership Matters!”. We will be offering a \$100 Cash Prize to the Local Chapter or Division that recruits the most new members this year.

Chapter Presidents: Please notify Ellen Logino and I immediately once you add a new member so that we may add them to the GRA Membership Roster.

Please review the GRA Membership Roster to ensure that you include all local members in your Chapter Events.

Please submit your list of new members by July 2, 2018 to:

Jason Williams
Attention: GRA Membership Contest
1220 Hogansville Road, Suite #400
LaGrange, GA 30241
Jason.Williams@ablegeorgia.ga.gov

Nominations Committee

GRA Call for Nominations

Elections to be held at the Annual Conference



*Don't miss your
opportunity to
serve as a key
player with GRA!!*

We are looking for a few “GREAT” Rehab Professionals to serve as President Elect, Vice President Elect, Treasurer Elect, Secretary Elect and Board Members at Large (3) during 2019.

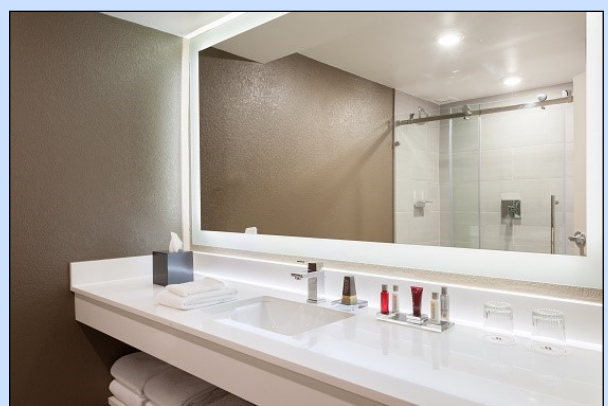
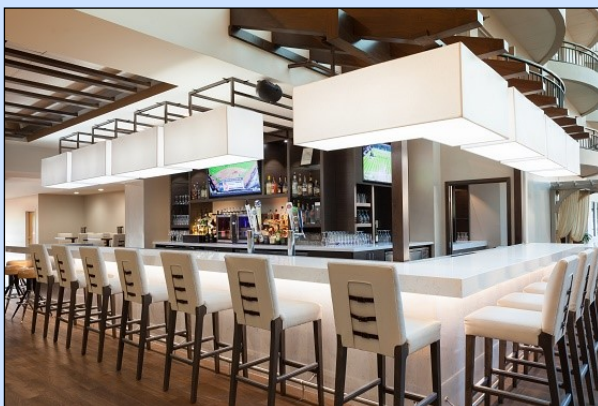
If interested, please contact Cheryl Braswell—cheryl.braswell@gvs.ga.gov



Save the Date!
2018 GRA Conference
Aug. 7-10, 2018
Savannah Marriott Riverfront
See y'all in Savannah!

Please click below to access forms:

- [2018 GRA Conference Call for Proposal Form](#)
- [2018 GRA Conference Exhibitor Prospectus Form](#)
- [2018 GRA Conference Registration Form \(GVRA Employees Only\)](#)
- [2018 GRA Conference Registration Form \(Non-GVRA\)](#)
- [2018 GRCEA Preconference Registration Form](#)



2018 GARL Auction

The Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (GARL)

Needs You!

Clean Your Attics, Make and Bring Stuff!

Donate Now to the **GARL 2018 Auction!***

Call Gigi Taylor at 404-796-1991 for pick up in the Atlanta Metro Area

OR

Bring items when you come to the 2018 GRA Conference in Savannah:

- Art
- Athletic Event Tickets
- Calligraphy
- Clothes
- Collectibles
- Crafts
- Goodie Bags
- Household Items
- Jewelry
- Music
- Plants
- Wine

We would appreciate any of these or other items for donation!!

The auction will take place in the same room as the Opening Session (Wed., Aug. 8) and will be in a Silent Auction Format.

**All proceeds from the auction support continuing education scholarships for rehabilitation professionals.*



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Why Membership in NRA?

1. **CONNECT** with affordable and varied opportunities to earn Continuing Education Credits in Rehabilitation
2. **NETWORK** with a variety of rehabilitation professionals
3. **DEVELOP** leadership skills through service on boards and committees
4. **ADVOCATE** to preserve the profession and the rights of individuals with disabilities
5. **ACCESS** to professional publications: Journal of Rehabilitation and Contemporary Rehab
6. **SAVE** on discounted health and professional liability insurance
7. **ENHANCE** your membership by joining divisions

Historical Context

The National Rehabilitation Association (NRA) is the oldest professional member organization in the United States that advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities while also promoting high quality, ethical, and collaborative practice across the rehabilitation profession.

The NRA, comprised of counselors, educators, researchers, and diverse agents of community integration, is committed to continuously impacting and improving upon the multifaceted conditions, across our society, necessary to enhance quality of life of individuals with disabilities, their families, and our communities.

Mission

To provide exemplary leadership through social advocacy and legislation, advance cultural awareness and competence across communities, promote excellence in research and practice, and support professionals engaged in the employment and independence of individuals with disabilities.

Vision and Values

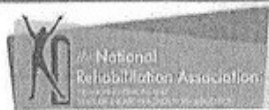
The NRA is committed to advancing the professional practices of rehabilitation driven by culturally-competent, ethical, evidence-based and accountable practices so that individuals with disabilities would be regarded and valued as full members of our society. These individuals deserve equal access, expression of choice, and security of freedom within our communities when engaging in all aspects of life.

Please see the membership application that follows to join today!

Join Today

Get Connected

Get Involved



Membership Application

Promoting Ethical and State of the Art Practice in Rehabilitation

Membership at the National Level is required for Divisional Memberships.

Section 1 – Contact Information












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Name		
Company/Organization		
Work Tel	Work Fax	
Work Email	Website	
Work Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code

Section 2 – NRA National Membership Categories

Membership to the National Rehabilitation Association affords you automatic membership in your region, state and local chapter. Membership to NRA Division is an additional fee, however, you must be a member of national to join a division.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Member - \$150	Professional Membership Status is available to an industry professional currently working in the field.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affiliate Member - \$108	Affiliate membership is available to those members who are not eligible for professional membership status but are involved in and/or retired from the Rehabilitation field. This category does NOT receive the Journal of Rehabilitation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Member* - \$700 List 4 employees (name/email) to receive member benefits (complete on page 3)	Organizational Membership/Group membership is available for a group of individuals who work for the same organization. Membership belongs to the organization and is non-transferable. You may however, replace the individual who receive benefits at any time.
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Professional Member - \$108	An Individual who recently completed an accredited college university program – this category is only available for the first year after graduation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Membership - \$48	An individual enrolled as a Full-Time undergraduate with a minimum of eight (8) hours per semester or equivalent and a Full-Time graduate student must have a minimum of six (6) hours per semester or equivalent.
	Full Time Student at:	
	Expected Date of Graduation (mo/yr)	

Section 3 – NRA Divisional Memberships (optional membership)

 Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (RCEA): Membership includes Rehabilitation Counselors, Rehabilitation Educators, Counselor Supervisors, Researchers in Rehabilitation Counseling, and Students in a Rehabilitation Education Program.	 National Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (NARL): Membership includes Rehabilitation leaders and administrators and persons interested in developing leadership skills for administration, supervision of education in the Rehabilitation industry.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15
 National Rehabilitation Association of Job Placement and Development (NRAJPO): Membership includes all persons providing career development and placement and those that support the employment of persons with disabilities.	 Vocation Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association (VEWAA): Membership includes professionals, educators, and students in the practice of assessment, training and technology, promoting the successful attainment of career goals of persons with disabilities.
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 National Association of Disability Benefits Specialists (NADBS): Membership includes benefits specialists, counselors/specialists, and individuals committed to the personal and economic independence of persons with disabilities.	 National Association of Service Providers in Private Rehabilitation (NASPPR): Membership includes persons employed in rehabilitation in the private sector (profit or non profit).
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5
 Association of Rehabilitation Technicians and Specialists (ARTS): Membership includes benefits specialists, counselors/specialists, and individuals committed to the personal and economic independence of persons with disabilities.	 National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC): Membership includes persons committed to the support and actively champion concerns that affect the rehabilitation needs and services of multicultural persons with disabilities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15
 National Association for Independent Living (NAL): Membership includes professionals working together with consumers for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and to enhance the quality of life and to promote the rights of citizens with disabilities.	 Transition Specialists Division (TSD): Membership is available to all individuals who hold a membership in NRA and who have concerns regarding transition of young adults with disabilities into careers. The division is focused on joining efforts between all interested parties – rehabilitation professionals, special education staff, aides, resource teachers, placement staff, transition coordinators, teachers, paraprofessionals, parents and students.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15
 Rehabilitation Program Evaluation Network (RPEN): Membership includes professionals, educators, students and all other interested persons who are committed to the advancement and improvement of program evaluation, quality assurance and performance in the field of Vocational Rehabilitation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15	

Join Today

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Organizational Members ONLY

If you are applying for **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**, please complete the below.

Primary Contact Name:	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 1	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 2	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 3	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 4	Email:

Section 5 – NRA Member Fee Summary

Fees Summary

Summarize your membership fees.

NRA Fee	
Division Fee Total	
Total Fees	

Section 6 – Payment Information

Payment Information

1. Credit Card – Complete the credit card section below:

Card Type:

- ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard
☐ Amex ☐ Discover

Card Number (enter below)

Exp. Date:

Total Amount to Charge:

Authorized Signature:

2. Provide name, phone, and email address of the contact person for this charge (if different than individual applying for membership):

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Billing Address (if different than above)

- ☐ **Check** - (Payable in U.S. funds to National Rehabilitation Association) (Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing) Enclose with a copy of your application form and mail to the NRA Membership Office.

☐ **ACH Bank Draft**- Complete the membership application and sign below to authorize NRA to debit your bank or checking account. Please remember to submit a copy of the voided check with your application. Please note that the ACH Payment carries a processing fee of \$1 per month.

Authorized Signature:

Date:

Membership Policies

- Membership is valid for 12 months from the date your payment is processed.
- Membership Dues are non-refundable and membership is non-transferable.
- Membership is portable should you change your employer (excluding organizational memberships)
- Members are assigned to the region and state chapter corresponding to their mailing address unless indicated otherwise.
- A \$15 charge will be assessed for returned checks.

Mailing Information:

**National Rehabilitation Association
Attention: Membership Department**

PO Box 150235 | Alexandria, VA 22315

Phone: 703-836-0850

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Email: info@nationalrehab.org

You can also access the NRA/GRA Membership Application Form by clicking [here](#).

GReAt Pictures

NorthEast Chapter

Presentation at Gwinnett Tech: Alpharetta-North Fulton Campus



RWS Chapter 2018 Easter Eggs-travaganza



RWS Chapter

Picture in Manchester Star-Mercury

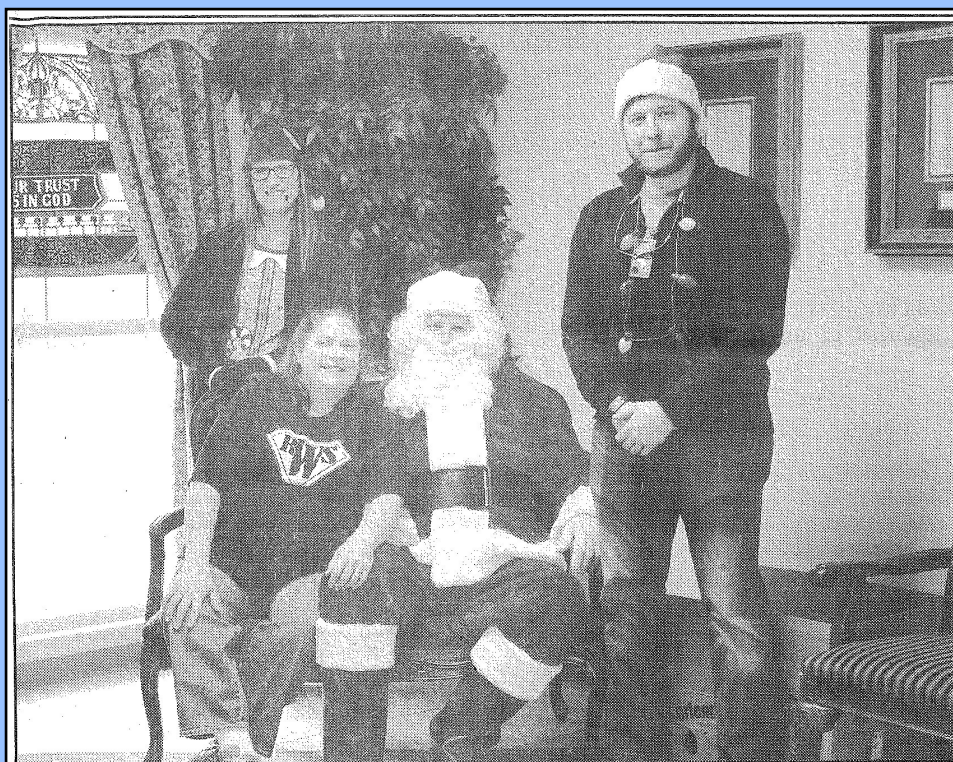
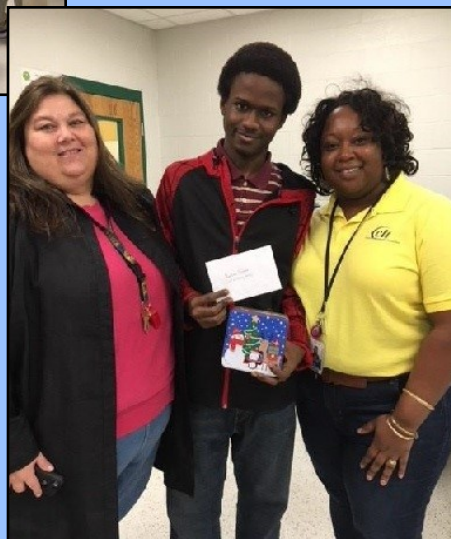
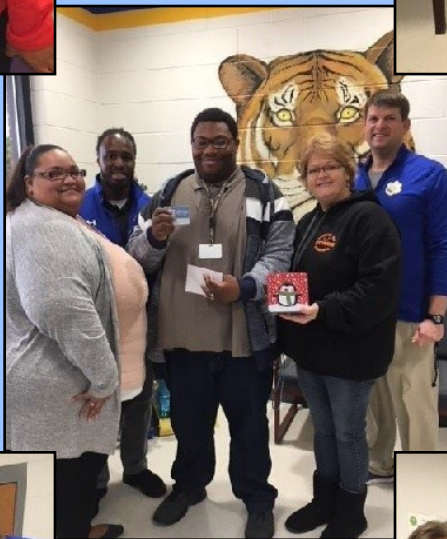
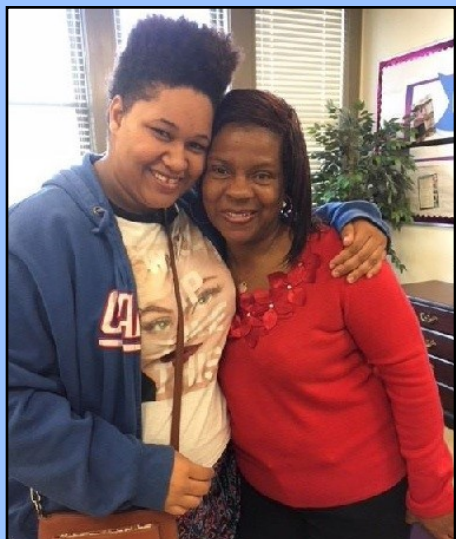


Photo Submitted

SPECIAL THANK YOU - The Special Education staff of Mountain View Elementary would like to express their sincere appreciation to the local members of the Georgia Rehabilitation Chapter at Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute. For the last several years, these individuals have been donating their time and resources to provide special holiday events to students with disabilities in the Meriwether County School System. These events have included Fall Festivals, Easter Egg Hunts, and visits from Santa Claus. The most recent event was a visit from Santa on December 15 at First Baptist Church in Warm Springs, which included a special gift and stocking for each of the students. This group never asks for anything in return for their generosity and are a blessing to our community. They truly exemplify the mission of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association and have touched the lives of many disabled students (and their teachers) in a very special way!

East Chapter

2017 High School Job Club Secret Santa \$50 Gift Card Recipients



East Chapter

2018 Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) for Augusta Technical College



2018 EAGLE Award Winner Maritza Orellano (left) will represent Augusta Technical College at the EAGLE Leadership Institute March 12-14, 2018. The Leadership Institute recognizes and honors those students who have demonstrated superior achievement in adult education classes and programs.



The EAGLE Contestants with their Adult Education teachers.

East Chapter Enhancing Literacy Centers Project



NRA 2018 Government Affairs Disability Employment Summit



More pictures are available by clicking [here](#).

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2018 GRA CALENDAR

MAR 2018	<p>Mar. 8: Financial Review 9:30 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>Mar. 9: GRA Board Meeting 9:30 AM-12 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p> <p>Mar. 25-27: 2018 Rehabilitation Association Annual Governmental Affairs Summit @ Hilton, Old Town Alexandria, VA</p>
APR 2018	<p>Apr. 20: Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p>
MAY 2018	<p>May 17: Financial Review 9:30 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>May 18: GRA Board Meeting 9:30 AM-12 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p>
JUL 2018	<p>Jul. 12: Financial Review 9:30 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>Jul. 13: GRA Board Meeting 9:30 AM-12 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p> <p>Jul. 20: Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p>
AUG 2018	<p style="text-align: center;">Aug. 7-10: GRA Annual State Training Conference Savannah Marriott Riverfront</p>
SEPT 2018	<p style="text-align: center;">2018 SERNRA Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK September 25-28, 2018 at the IP - Biloxi, MS</p>
OCT 2018	<p>Oct. 11: Financial Review 9:30 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>Oct. 12: GRA Board Meeting 9:30 AM-12 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p> <p>Oct. 22: Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p> <p>2018 NRA Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK</p>
DEC 2018	<p>Dec. 6: Financial Review 9 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Leadership Training 12 PM—5 PM</p> <p>Dec. 7: GRA Board Meeting 9:30 AM-12 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Location: TBD</i></p>